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TO: OTTAWA INFO DIRECTOR 4

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SUBJECT: SERVICE TO RSAC, CANADIAN GOVERNMENT 4

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FROM DIRECTOR FBIS 4

1. WE HAVE A REQUEST FROM GREGG CALKIN, INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE LIAISON OFFICER IN WASHINGTON, TO PROVIDE 24-HOUR FBIS WIRE SERVICE TO REFUGEE STATUS ADVISORY COMMITTEE {RSAC} OF THE CANADIAN EMPLOYMENT AND IMMIGRATION COMMISSION. HE SAYS THIS IS SUPPORTED BY THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY COMPONENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS. 4

2. RSAC IS DESCRIBED AS A "QUASI-AUTONOMOUS TRIBUNAL ESTABLISHED TO INVESTIGATE THE BONAFIDES OF INDIVIDUALS CLAIMING REFUGEE STATUS IN CANADA." CALKIN SAYS IT REQUIRES "DETAILED AND UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD." THE OFFICES ARE LOCATED IN HULL, IN QUEBEC PROVINCE. HE ASKS FOR A FINANCIAL ESTIMATE WHICH WOULD ASSIST CANADIAN AUTHORITIES IN TAKING A FINAL DECISION TO PROCEED. 4

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3. WHILE COSTS WILL HAVE TO BE ABSORBED BY CANADIAN AUTHORITIES,
WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ADVICE/CONCURRENCE AS TO WHETHER TO PROVIDE
THE SERVICE. BELIEVE AS A GENERAL PRINCIPLE SERVICE SHOULD BE FOR
RECIPIENTS HAVING AN INTELLIGENCE/FOREIGN AFFAIRS ORIENTATION. THEY
SHOULD ALSO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE INTERNAL CONTROL OF THE

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